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This is a request for filing a [x] continuation [ ] divisional application under 37 CFR 1.60, of pending prior application Serial No. 08/308.097, filed on 9-16-94, entitled METHODS AND DEVICES FOR MARKING AND **DEFINING TISSUE**.

- [X] Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or 1. declaration showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed prior application no. <u>08/308,097</u> as originally filed on <u>September 16, 1994</u>, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.
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  - [] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by 2 and 3 above.

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- 4. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
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- 3. Copy of parent informal drawings 7 sheets;
- 4. New formal drawings 7 sheets;
- 5. Copy of parent Assignment;
- 6. Copy of parent Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 7. Copy of the parent verification of small entity status-independent inventor
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- 9. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 10. 4 sheets PTO 1449
- 11. Check; and
- 12. Return Receipt postcard.

Each of the 12 above-identified documents are enclosed herewith.

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